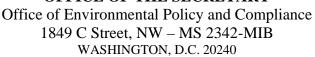


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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance {Lead}

Subject: Notice of Availability of the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Programmatic

> Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Upper Mississippi River-Illinois Waterway System Navigation Feasibility Study, MS, IA, MO, IL, MN, and WI

(ER 04/400)(Agency due date: July 30, 2004)

The Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers (CE) has published in the May 14, 2004, Federal Register a notice of availability of the subject EIS. You may view the notice at: http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont04.html. The EIS is available at: http://www2.mvr.usace.army.mil/umr-iwwsns.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the report from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments to this office by July 16, 2004.

This Office will prepare the Department's comments for signature by the Director, Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance (OEPC) by July 23, 2004. Please supply all signed, paper comments and comments on disk or by electronic mail to OEPC.

> /s/ 5/21/04 Vijai N. Rai

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